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light detector detects a component of the light incident on the lens from a direction parallel to its optical axis and obtains its light quantity. A slit is provided in the optical path between the objective lens and the detector in order to narrow the light detection extent in the surface to be measured. The surface condition of the object can be measured with a good accuracy independently of the shape of the object.--

REMARKS

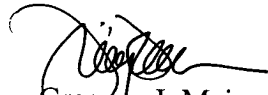
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By way of the present preliminary amendment, Applicants have amended the application in order to place it in better form for examination. Accordingly, appropriate headings have been added to the various sections of the specification. Multiple dependent claims have been cancelled and reinstated as singly dependent claims. The Abstract has been rewritten in standard U.S. format. No new matter has been entered by way of this amendment.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination. Accordingly and early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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